**SINGAPORE** 

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## To U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Office of Civil Enforcement; Air Enforcement Division Marine ECA - Fuel Oil Non-Availability 1200 Pennsylvania Ave N.W. Ariel Rios South Building, Mailcode 2242A Washington, D.C. 20460 (20004 for non-USPS couriers)

Dear sir/ madam,

Our managed vessel 'Navigator Saturn, IMO No 9177569' arrived in US ECA on 30 July 2017/13:05 Houston local time (18:05 UTC). At that time vessel had sufficient quantity of compliant fuel for vessel's stay at Houston.

Vessel's operator 'Navigator Gas' had arranged supply of 290 metric tons of compliant fuel through the local agents "Fillette Green Shipping Services" on 28 Aug 2017 towards completion of cargo operations through the supplier: Glencore, bunker barge: Buffalo Marine (# 713-923-5571).

Due to onset of tropical storm 'Harvey', supply of compliant fuel could not be made by the supplier due to port condition 'Zulu' set by the Captain of the port. After reaching critical level of only 8.1 metric tons of compliant fuel left on board, request for using non-compliant fuel was submitted to the USCG through the local agents. Permission was granted by the USCG to use non-compliant fuel for safety of the ship and crew. Vessel started using non-compliant fuel from 29 Aug 2017/ 16:00 Houston local time. Supply of compliant fuel will be made at Houston when normal life is restored after the tropical storm 'Harvey'.

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